

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

FACTORIES &c., YEAR 1926-27.

To the Hon Chief Secretary

Report of the Government Statist on preliminary results which are subject to a final revision.

Establishments. For the year ended June 30th 1927 the Factory and Works Establishments of the State numbered 1,807 (1,791) an increase of 16 for the year and 375 for the five years.

Employees. The average number of employees engaged for the year numbered 34,980 Males and 7,184 Females, Total 42,164, an increase of 1,863 Males, 250 Females, and 2,113 Persons. The total Persons have increased by 10,993 in five years.

Working Proprietors. Males 1,457, Females 48, Total 1,505 (1,467), increase 38, and 227 for the five years.

Horse Power of Plant. The full capacity of the Machinery and Plant available was equal to 131,682 Horse Power, increase 29,056 Horse Power, and the power actually used 110,536 H.P., increase 24,562 H.P.

Salaries and Wages. Excluding the amount drawn by Working Proprietors representing equivalent wages or salary for work done which aggregated £441,269 (£415,849) the amount paid to the Employees for the year totalled £8,390,603 (£7,787,912) an increase for the year of £602,691 and for the five years of £3,076,676. The average for Males was £229.14.11 (£225.5.0) and Females £96.10.8 (£94.2.7). All hands combined £206.7.4 (£201.16.11). The increase for all hands for the year was £4.10.5 and five years £28.11.11.

Material used or operated upon. This return includes Water £1,935, Tools ~~replaced~~ £166,537, Repairs not done by employees £99,486, Non-returnable containers &c. £731,404, and all other Material used £20,550,699, giving a grand total of £21,890,061 (£21,501,505) an increase for the year of £388,556 and five years £7,802,131.

Fuel, Light and Lubricating Oils. Total Value £1,343,002 (£1,261,643) increase £81,359 and £544,507 for 5 years. The value of Lubricating Oils used and included in foregoing was £32,087 (£39,342), less than the previous year. Quantities of kinds of fuel used. Coal 341,879 (322,547) tons; Coke 105,192 (99,401) tons; Charcoal 9 (810) tons; Wood 106,865 (104,920) tons.

Output Value. Generally speaking, this value is representative of the selling value at the factory of all work done during the year. All selling and distributing costs are excluded from the costs of manufacture previously referred to under the headings of Wages and Salaries, they are also excluded from the value of the Output. For the year this output value was £36,878,469 (£35,437,147) increase £1,441,322 and for five years £13,023,612. This represents an Output per inhabitant of £65.2.3 (£64.4.10) increase 17s.5d. for the year and 7.13.0 for the five years.

Value of Production. The value of Factory production is uniformly throughout the States interpreted to be the value added to raw materials and fuel used by the process of manufacture or treatment and would thus include Wages and Salaries paid to employees and Working Proprietors and the remaining balance for profit, depreciation and miscellaneous overhead charges. For the year 1926-27 this value is estimated to have been £13,645,406 (£12,673,999) an increase of £971,407 and £4,676,974 for the five years.

Per Inhabitant. This production value averages £24.1.10 (2.19.6) per inhabitant and indicates an increase of £1.2.4 for the year and £6.4.10 for the five years.

Proportion percentage of various monetary items. Estimated to 1928.

Gross Output.

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Preliminary Report by the Government Statist on the Estimated Wool

Items

1921-22 1925-26 1926-27

Production 1927-28.

Salaries and Wages (Ex. W.P.)

22.27 21.98 22.75

Fuel &c. used OF SHEEP.

3.33 3.98 3.64

Material used

59.06 60.68 57.36

Balance for Profit, Depreciation

15.32 13.78 14.25

and Overhead Charges

100.00 100.00 100.00

Total

100.00 100.00 100.00

Statistics are now being collected as to the wool clip as at December 31st 1927 pending the results of the wool clip for the year. The demands of those interested for early publication of the wool clip for the year. The Government Statist has made an estimate of the numbers based on fairly reliable details of lambing, slaughtering and interstate movement of sheep during the year. He estimates that there were in the State on or about December 31st 1927, 7,400,000, an increase of 116,000. This estimate is as follows:-

The balance available for Depreciation, Overhead charges is 1% higher than for 1925-26 but a little more than 1% lower than five years ago. The 1% increase in production for balance and 2% in Salaries and Wages is the result of an increase of a little more than 1 and a third on material and fuel used.

Metropolitan and Country Factories and Works.

Statistics displayed as the Metropolitan Area are located 1,264 of the factories of the State with 543 in the Country, employing respectively 34,934 and 7,230 hands. It is noted that in the Metropolitan Area female employees represented 19,000 and Males 81% of the total whereas in the Country the respective percentages were 6% and 94%.

SAY 7,400,000.

II. SUMMARY OF PARTICULARS

The pastoral areas and the Counties bordering thereon have experienced prolonged drought which has been described in a number of reports received by the Statist as worse than the year 1914. The losses during the latter part of 1927 were severe. Bountiful rains have since fallen. Metropolitan of the country has been relieved.

III. WOOL-CLIP, 1927-28.

Establishments	No.	No.	Lbs.
Hands	1,264	543	
Males			8,000,000
Females			6,775
Lambs Shorn, Estimated			455,200,000
Wool-clip in grease including crutchings			7,230
(Shed and Lambs)			8.40
Total average weight Fleece			

The previous year the State's wool-clip (1926-27) yielded from sheep and lambs 63,078,242 lbs averaging 8.67 lbs. The clip for 1927-28 now being estimated is 61,559,953 yield (Average 2202.2.2) (av. 2227.6.8) lbs. More material and fuel used 14,161,020 2,072,043 lbs less than Output 25,161,463 11,717,006 Added Value 11,000,443 2,644,963

IV. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF WOOL

Considerable quantities of Wool from New South Wales, Victoria and some from Western Australia are sent to Adelaide for sale and shipment and a good quantity of the South-Eastern clip is sent from Adelaide to Victoria for sale and shipment. A monthly record is kept of this interstate trade and from statistical office, the net imports for the Season are estimated at 4,600,000 lbs in the grease.

GOVERNMENT STATIST.

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